

CITY OF JERSEY CITY

JERRAMIAH T. HEALY
MAYOR



CITY HALL
JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302
TEL:(201) 547-5200
FAX:(201) 547-4288

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
June 2, 2011

Contact:

Jennifer Morrill
Press Secretary
201-547-4836
201-376-0699

Mayor Healy to Promote Police Supervisors to Cut Overtime Costs

First Promotions Since 2007 for the ranks of Captain, Lieutenant and Sergeant

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy will replenish the Jersey City Police Department’s supervisory ranks that have been depleted due to mass amounts of retirements in a promotional ceremony to be held at **12 noon on Friday, June 3, 2011**, in **City Council Chambers, 280 Grove Street**.

The promotions, which include **seven new captains, 14 new lieutenants and 20 new sergeants**, are estimated to save **approximately half a million dollars** in overtime this summer alone. In addition, the newly appointed officers are also waiving their contractual salary increase for one year.

“These police supervisors have agreed to forgo any increase for one full year, and as a result, we will be able to ensure the highest level of safety for our residents while reducing the cost to the taxpayer,” said **Mayor Healy**. “We are looking at every possible way to cut costs, and by slashing overtime we will save hundreds of thousands of dollars this year while adding extra protection for our citizens.”

Since January of 2008, 56 police supervisors have retired in those three ranks, and additional retirements are anticipated throughout the year. In addition to the overtime savings this summer, the city will continue to realize savings in reduced overtime costs throughout the year.

“We are all in a tough fiscal crisis, but we still have to act responsibly as managers,” said **Police Chief Thomas Comey**. “Of all the ranks that are being promoted, we still have less supervisors than we did when we last promoted, which was in November of 2007. This is long overdue and demonstrates fiscal responsibility during these tough economic times. The supervision of the department is being raised to an acceptable level which in the long run will increase both safety and efficiency.”

All media inquiries should be directed to Jennifer Morrill, Press Secretary to Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy at 201-547-4836 or 201-376-0699.///